

**This filing is made pursuant to  
Section 2.04(a)(3) of the Communications  
Act and becomes effective in 15 days**

**HILLS TELEPHONE COMPANY (in Iowa)  
525 East Fourth Street, PO Box 98  
Dell Rapids, South Dakota 57022-0098**

December 16, 2003

**Transmittal No. 6**  
(filing fee enclosed)

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. – TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Access Tariff Filing**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying tariff issued by Hills Telephone Company (in Iowa) (Hills) (FRN #0005-0971-75) bearing F.C.C. No. 1, effective December 31, 2003, is sent to you in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended and pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Hills is a Subset 3 carrier with 50,000 or fewer access lines and, therefore, is submitting this filing pursuant to Section 61.39 of the Commission's Rules. Therefore, the tariff filing is accompanied by neither Section 61.38 cost support nor a Tariff Review Plan.

As required by Section 61.32 of the Rules, the original of this transmittal letter, plus the Commission's filing fee of six hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$695.00) is being filed this date with the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Personal or facsimile service of petitions under Section 1.773(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules should be directed to Hill's counsel whose facsimile number is (202) 828-5568 and whose service address and name are given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Hills Telephone Company (in Iowa)**

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